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FYSA –

Calls to Action on Social Media and Planned Protest Activity

At 12:51hrs Feb 2, the department has received social media reports that Operation Bear Hug in Calgary intends to support convoy on Saturday, February 5, instead of February 2.

On February 2, CTV Calgary is reported about “Operation Bear Hug” that is calling for truckers to block major highways in Alberta today. The Reporter says he’s heard people are planning to gather at the truck stop on Highway 1 near the Minister’s house then park on the highway between Banff/Canmore.

JSG Reported that a group Farmers for Freedom have sent messages via text and other social media asking farmers to lockdown the country and province wide every day until mandates are lifted. Starting on Thursday February 3, 2022, at 12 noon for 3 hours. The ask is for every farmer available to hook up implements and to lockdown of every road.

Southern Region

By 10:00 hrs the department received reports from the Cochrane RCMP of planned protests for a convoy to blockade the WB lanes of Highway 1 at the Banff Park Gates today from 11 am to 6 pm. Also a report of an event moving to Highway 1 at Bowfort Road in Calgary.

North Central Region and Fort McMurray Region

By 12:00 hrs February 2, the department had received unconfirmed reports of protest activity planned at the following locations:

- Central Region Today (Feb 2) Highway 2 at Oids and Didsbury interchanges;
- Today (Feb 2) Highway 21/Hwy 42 intersection;
- Tomorrow (Feb 3) along Highway 2 from Ponoka to Lacombe from noon to 3pm;

Peace Region

By 12:00 hrs February 2, the department had received unconfirmed reports of planned protest activity around Grande Prairie. The plan for this is to apparently block only one lane, so that people can come and go.

Activity Reports from Across the Province:

Southern Region

February 2:

- At 13:30 hrs, department staff informed of slow rolling convoys on Highway 3 heading to meet up at Taber from Coaldale and Grassy Lake. [Unconfirmed]
- At 13:30 hrs, department staff reported slow moving convoys in the area of Fort Macleod on southbound Highway 2. [Confirmed]
- At 13:00 hrs, department field staff witnessed farm equipment and pick-ups with flags heading south of Fort Macleod on Highway 2 towards Standoff, also carrying portable washrooms. [Confirmed]
- At 12:45 hrs a slow rolling convoy on Southbound Highway 2 near Granum (Highway 519). [Confirmed]

- Report of slow rolling traffic and back-ups at Highway 23 & 519 Roundabout, via google traffic and Facebook. [Unconfirmed]
- At 12:00 hrs Highway 1 and Highway 22 intersection between Calgary and Fort Macleod was clear of protesters with RCMP maintaining a presence. Some reports of a few trucks assembling to head to Fort Macleod and convoy at Highway speeds. [Confirmed]
- At 11:30 hrs the department received information indicating that a large number of trucks and other vehicles heading southbound on Highway 2 near Nanton, unknown where they were going and if they were going to join the Fort Macleod group or head farther South. [Unconfirmed]
- The department received social media reports of protest activity on Highway 3 heading toward Crowsnest Pass, consisting of slow rolling large equipment. [Unconfirmed]
- At 11:00 hrs the department had received report of a slow rolling convoy doing loops on Highway 2 at Fort Macleod. [Unconfirmed]

February 1:

- At 19:47 hrs Wildcat convoys have been reported. Transportation has verified slow rolling convoys in Highways 3 & 36 at Town of Taber and also Highway 3 at Grassy Lake. [Confirmed]
- At 16:30 hrs 511 received information that Highway 4 was closed at southbound Highway 36 near Warner by the RCMP before 16:30 hrs in anticipation of a convoy. Transportation Region assisted. Additionally, Highway 519 at Highway 23 Nobleford was at a crawl for wildcat convoy. [Confirmed]
- At 16:01 hrs social media reports observed by the Region indicated the roundabout was clogged up at Highways 23 / 519 with vehicles. The roundabout is a main corridor for accessing Highway 1 to the north and trucks cutting across to Highway 2 to the west. [Confirmed]
- At 16:00 hrs Region MCI advised RCMP requested barricades to be set up at Highways 4 & 36 Southbound. [Confirmed]
- At 15:30 hrs 511 was contacted by the Cardston Shop and advised Highway 509 was obstructed. At about 19 hrs 511 received a Tweet from Blood Tribe Police Service that they had attended the area at 13:40hrs to address a blockade along Highway 2 near the Waterton River Bridge north of Standoff. They conducted traffic until RCMP arrived and started rerouting traffic heading North bound along the Highway 2/509 intersection and advised public to avoid the area traffic until RCMP. At 18:15 another tweet from the Blood Tribe Police Service indicating the blockade was resolved and traffic was flowing.
- At 14:00 hrs, JSG indicated enforcement action was being taken.
- At 13:00 hrs Transportation reported a new blockade Hwy 2 South of Fort Macleod and reports of a potential convoy of farm equipment and tractor trailers heading west on Hwy 3 towards Pincher Creek/CNP. [Confirmed]

Milk River Blockade

February 2:

- Highway 4 at Highway 501 West remains closed by RCMP in both directions with an enhanced blockade. [Confirmed]

February 1:

- Transportation Region reports that this morning near Milk River, southbound still closed Highway 4 at Highway 501 West but RCMP have closed in both directions due to a collision between a driver, who was not part of the protest, heading northbound on Highway 4 and a protestor who was oriented southbound in the northbound lane
 - o The only difference is that some trucks were allowed to cross the border Northbound on Highway 4 earlier. It is also reported by RCMP to Region staff that the weigh scale will be blocked by protesters this morning (February 2, 2022).
- Both directions still blocked to large vehicles, a small vehicle may possibly make its way through.
- JSG report to Transportation staff indicates protestors are attempting to establish a new blockade at Highway 4 and 501 intersection South of Milk River where the RCMP Checkpoint is located. RCMP is requesting an emergency road closure at this location. The department supported the request as needed.

North Central Region and Fort McMurray Region

No activity reported.

Central Region

No activity reported.

Peace Region

No activity reported.

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